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Sent:

Monday, March 11 2019 10:29 AM

To:

Subject:

RE: Duke rate increase excessive and affects poor more

Dear Ms. Patty Warner,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

 Docket No. 2018-319-E - Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Becky Latimer
Clerks Office/Administrative Coordinator

Public Service Commission of South Carolina 803-896-5100

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From:

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 4:54 PM **To:** PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>

Subject: Duke rate increase excessive and affects poor more

Dear Public Service Commission:

As both a stockholder and ratepayer of Duke Energy, I am both appalled and perplexed by Duke's recent request for a substantial rate increase. Duke is proposing a change that amounts to a 237.8% increase in the flat rate.

All Duke customers pay the flat rate even if they don't use any electricity for the month. The residential customer flat rate will go from \$8.29 to \$28 per month starting June 1st, rising to \$28.59 in 2020 and 2021.

This is an <u>excessive rate increase</u>, it <u>disproportionately impacts the low-income</u> households, and it <u>discourages energy conservation</u> by consumers. It will affect 591,000 customers in the Upstate. This would increase Duke's approximately \$7 billion revenues by \$168 million according to the Public Utilities Commission.

Please DO NOT APPROVE this rate increase.

Patty Warner